

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Listing of the claims:

1-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for~~ of operating a push-to-talk

2 communication between a Push-to-Talk communication system (PoC) group comprising
at least one member of a first communication network operated by a first network

4 operator, and a PoC group comprising at least one member of a second communication
network operated by a second network operator, by using a PoC application server in

6 each communication network, the method comprising:

connecting the ~~members~~ at least one member of the PoC-group of the first

8 network ~~operator~~ with the members of the PoC-group of the second network ~~operator~~ for
push-to-talk communication; and

10 ~~connecting the members of the PoC-group of the first network operator from the~~
~~side of the second network operator;~~

12 ~~connecting the members of the PoC-group of the second network operator from~~
~~the side of the first network operator; and~~

14 synchronizing the PoC application servers of the respective networks so that the
group members of both networks are known to both operators.

10. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for of operating~~ push-to-talk
2 communication between ~~the~~ a group of members of an existing push-to-talk
communication session within a first communication network operated by a first network
4 operator, and a group of at least one member of an additional communication network
operated by a second network operator, by using a Push-to-Talk over a communication
6 system (PoC) application server in each communication network, the method comprising:
connecting the additional group to ~~each of the existing groups~~ group of the
8 session for push-to-talk communication; and
synchronizing the PoC application server of the additional group to the
10 application ~~servers~~ server of the existing ~~groups~~ group of the session so that the group
members of the additional network are known to both operators and the group members
12 of the existing group are known to the first operator but not to the second operator; and
~~identifying the PoC application server of the additional group by an address~~
14 ~~derived from a group address assigned to the additional group.~~

11. (Currently Amended) The method ~~for push-to-talk communication~~
2 according to claim 9, wherein the synchronization is carried out automatically by the PoC
application servers.

12. (Currently Amended) The method ~~for push-to-talk communication~~
2 according to claim 10, wherein the synchronization is carried out automatically by the
PoC application servers.

13. (Currently Amended) The method ~~for push-to-talk communication~~
2 according to claim 10, wherein the synchronization is carried out whenever a user
requests update of all group members of the PoC groups before sending a PoC message.

14. (Currently Amended) The method ~~for push-to-talk communication~~
2 according to claim 9, wherein the synchronization is carried out whenever a user requests
update of all group members of the PoC groups before sending a PoC message.

15. (Currently Amended) A system for operating push-to-talk
2 communication between push-to-talk groups of at least two communication networks
operated by different operators, the system comprising:
4 one common group management system for connecting at least one member of a
PoC-group of a first said network with members of a PoC-group of a second said network
6 for push-to-talk communication; and

~~at least one subsystem for each network operator consisting of~~ at least one push-
8 to-talk communication application server for each of the first and second networks, with
the servers being synchronized so that the group members of the first network are known
10 to both operators and the group members of the second network are known to at least the
second operator.

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16. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 15, wherein the
2 communication networks are radio communication networks.

17. (New) The method according to claim 10, and further comprising:

- 2 identifying the PoC application server of the additional group by an address derived from a group address assigned to the additional group.